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	Subject	City Council Bill 12-0081		

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To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
c/o Karen Randle
City Hall, Rm. 400

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill #12-0081, Valet Parking FOR the purpose of regulating the provision of valet parking services; requiring valet parking operators to be licensed; requiring permits for valet parking zones; establishing certain standards of operation; defining certain terms; imposing certain penalties; providing for certain appeals and reviews; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions governing passenger loading zones and freight loading zones; designating passenger loading zones, freight loading zones, and valet parking zones as impoundment areas; clarifying responsibility for collecting applicable parking taxes; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the licensing and regulation of valet parking services.

The Department of Transportation strongly supports this bill as it takes an important step in resolving disputes among neighboring business and residents, provides a measure of protection for consumers, and aid in resolving traffic safety and congestion concerns in business districts.

The Department appreciates the efforts of the sponsors, the Parking Authority and industry in devising what we believe to be a fair bill. The Department offers the following points which may improve the bill:

1. Clarity is needed with regard to the role of the Director of Transportation is necessary, as right-of-way permits are generally issued by the Department of General Services.
2. Clarity is needed with regard to the bill's enforcement provisions. It is unclear which agency is authorized to issue citations or monitor license and zone compliance.
3. While specific fees should not be set in the bill for the issuance of a valet parking zone, the legislation should provide a statement of guidance or policy with regard to how the loss of parking spaces otherwise available for public use should be valued.
4. we believe that this bill provides an opportunity to incentive the consolidation of valet parking operations in business districts where many such operations exist.

We would be pleased to work with the Committee and others to address these issues.

Respectfully,

Frank Murphy
For Khalil A. Zaied
Director

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Mr. Frank Murphy